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I saw you mentioned in Mary McGrory's column last week and hope I remember it correctly. And although yesterday's developments in Central America may mean the end of our intrusions in Nicaragua I send you the enclosed in the event you may want to have them on file. The articles in our local papers spell out what our real and denied purposes were and they differ from other such remarks of which I am aware by being by an official. I was in intelligence in World War II and in State and know the vast difference between an official statement and any other kind. Our ambassador was an official and the highest U.S. official in Nicaragua. He said that were were there to overhtrow the government. I think a careful reading will disclose other significant statements and matters, like the White House campaign to influence the Congress by sending delegations there weekends in a manner that could get favorable mention in constituencies that could be useful in reelection campaigns.

The other enclosure is from the Indianapolis Star , the shorter version from a Miami paper. I understand that no other papers carried this UPI story.

The day the first story appeared in our local papers I bought every available copy and started sending them to the Congress. When I ran out I made xeroxes and sent them. I regret that indifference was total.

Even if I had been wrong about the significance of such a statement by our ambassador that he said it at all could have been effective on the Hill if anyone there had had the courage to use it. His expulsion led to his promotion instead.

Sincerely,

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